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Publisher, 5 Die As Plane Strikes D.C. Radio Tower

Washington, Jan. 25 (AP) — Six persons including the publisher of the Columbus Ohio Dispatch, were killed today when a twin-engine plane struck a broadcasting tower and crashed on the American University campus, officials at the newspaper reported.

Among the dead were Edgar T. Wolfe Jr., 48, publisher and board chairman of the Dispatch; Fred Leveque, widely known Columbus businessman, and Carlton Dargusch Jr., a Columbus attorney. Identification of the fourth passenger was withheld pending confirmation.

Managing Editor Robert Smith said in Columbus that the Wolfe Industries plane was flown by two company pilots, Richard White and Robert Hatem, both of Columbus.

The Federal Aviation Administration said the flight plan for the plane showed six persons aboard.

No one was injured on the ground, according to a spokesman at WAMU-FM, the campus station. The station was temporarily knocked off the air.

The plane was a Beechcraft King-Air.

Hits Vacant Building

Firemen said the plane, flying in fog and rain, struck the station's antenna and then fell to the ground, crashing into a vacant building at the rear of the home of the school's president, George Williams. One wing of the plane landed in a parking lot, firemen said.

An engineer at the radio station said the plane exploded when it hit the tower. "It was just like a fireball up there," said Dave Garner, who saw it come down.

The plane, minus a wing, hurtled on and pieces of the craft fell all over the campus.

Parts of the plane crashed onto a small building housing barbecue equipment. There was no one in the building, adjacent to a dormitory housing 600 students. The dormitory was not damaged.

The accident took place at 12:10 p.m.